

REMARKS

The applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his examination of the present application. Claims 1-52 are currently pending.

DOUBLE PATENTING

A terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection with respect to claims 1-42 of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,049. As a result, it is believed that this rejection is overcome.

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Claims 28-52 have been rejected as being directed to non-statutory subject matter wherein it is suggested that these computer program product claims embody functional descriptive material. Independent claims 28, 39, 47, 48, 49, and 50 have been amended to indicate that the computer program product is embodied on a tangible computer readable medium. This amendment is being made in order to bring the claims into conformity with 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 29-38, 40-46, and 51-52 each depend from one of the aforementioned independent claims. Thus, with these changes we believe that this rejection is overcome.

It is believed that all of the rejections have been addressed and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

If any matter arises which may expedite issuance of a notice of allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned, at the telephone number given below.

It is believed that a one month extension of time is required for consideration of this application. Please charge deposit account number 19-4972 for the extension fee. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972.

Respectfully submitted,

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